It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has lasting impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

When Jesus Stops for One Person

Why did Jesus come? Most of us may respond to that question by stating that Jesus came to take away the sins of the world, or to give us eternal life. Although those responses may be accurate, they are somewhat abstract and not personal. If someone were to ask you, "Who is Jesus and what was His purpose?" how would you respond? Describe a time when you told someone about Jesus. What was their response?
1 Timothy 1:15; Luke 19:1-10

The key question is not what Jesus came to do, but who He came for. What kind of people did He pursue? He came for people who are far from God. Jesus was intentional in His pursuit of lost people. In the story of Zacchaeus, He intentionally stopped under the tree and looked up. Jesus saw Zacchaeus, and He called him by name. When was the last time you were intentional about sharing the gospel with someone? What is the difference between looking at people and really seeing people? How often do you judge a person by their outward appearance without getting to know the person on the inside?
1 Samuel 16:7; John 7:24; James 4:12

Most people want to be noticed and acknowledged. Some feel that they need to go to extremes to get that attention. They color their hair, wear weird clothes, have multiple piercings and an abundance of tattoos. These people are screaming, "Look at me." Others take a different approach but want the same reaction. The truth is that all these people need Jesus. Share an opening line you would use when approaching someone about Jesus. What scares you most about talking to someone new?
1 Timothy 6:12; Romans 1:12; Revelation 3:15-16

Jesus came on purpose – for people far from God. Jesus came for a purpose, to seek and to save the lost. He didn't call Zacchaeus out; He called him down. His purpose must be our purpose. His mission needs to be our mission. His heart must become our heart.

Make it Real

- Pray that God would reveal the person He wants you to reach.
- Be intentional about your mission and seek out those who need Jesus.
- Invite someone to attend church with you.
- Disciple someone by sharing real life struggles, not just theology.